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Autonomous Mobility Appliqué System (AMAS)

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TARDEC is responsible for research, development and engineering support to more than **2,800** Army systems and many of the Army's and DoD's top joint warfighter development programs.

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How To Speak Army Robotics



TLA – Three Letter Acronym

UPI - UGCV (Unmanned Ground Combat Vehicle) PerceptOR (Perception for Off Road) Integration

Passive Safety – Vehicle features that warn/notify the driver, but do not control the vehicle

Active Safety – Vehicle features that augment the driver's capabilities (braking, accelerating, steering)

Scalable Autonomy – With the turn of a knob to be able to select on the fly how autonomous a vehicle will perform

Robot – A ground, air, sea or underwater platform that can perform tasks remotely with or without human supervision.

OMV – Optional Manned Vehicle

Convoy Operations Can Be Dangerous for Different Reasons



- Major accidents due to driver error
 - Very long convoy missions—10 to 14 hours
 - Difficult, unpaved, rugged terrain
 - Inexperienced drivers—age 18 & 19 years
 - Collision(Front & Rear), Rollover, Roadway Departure, etc.
- Susceptibility to attack by adversary
 - Asymmetric warfare
 - Improvised explosive devices (IEDs)
 - Coordinated threat attack



What is AMAS



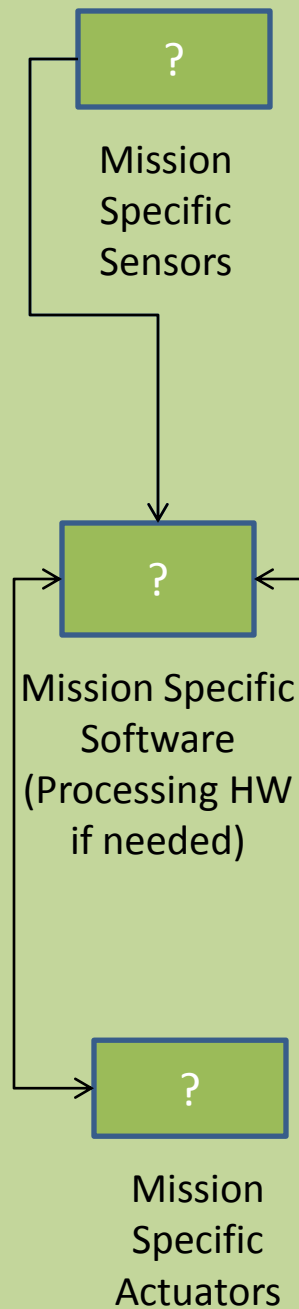
AMAS will provide scalable autonomy in a single material solution agnostic of vehicle. For the AMAS JCTD, AMAS will be implemented in a vehicle specific By-wire kit that would provide the electronically controlled subsystems and interface for the common Autonomy Kit. The Autonomy kit, along with the By-wire kit, would provide Leader/Follower, waypoint navigation and advanced Convoy behaviors.

The AMAS JCTD will also address defining an open architecture for future autonomy enhancements. Along with Analysis of Alternatives for testing large unmanned ground vehicles (UGVs).

- ***By Wire Kit - Active Safety and Control Interface***
 - ***Configuration:*** Install Hardware and Software necessary to provide Active Safety Capability and Interface/Control of the Steering, Braking, Transmission, and Engine functions of the vehicle. Kit will be Interfaced Electronically and not Interfere with Egress/Ingress of Operator.
 - ***Problems addressed:*** Prevent accidents through rollover and yaw stability (Over/Under steer) control, collision warning and mitigation, emergency brake, lane keeping; Reduce fatigue through Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC); Provide Interface to control the vehicle which would provide for future upgrades of robotic technology as needed. Current TRL: 6-7
 - ***Advantages:***
 - Active Safety** – Collision Mitigation, Stability Control, Emergency Braking, Adaptive Cruise Control, Roadway Departure Prevention
 1. 26% to 59% Reduction in Truck Related Accidents¹
 2. Improved Handling due to Stability Control
 3. Decrease in Physical Load on Operator
- Common Interface**
1. Vehicle Gateway/Control for Scalable Robotics(Autonomy Kit Interface)
 2. Enabling Increase in Future Capability

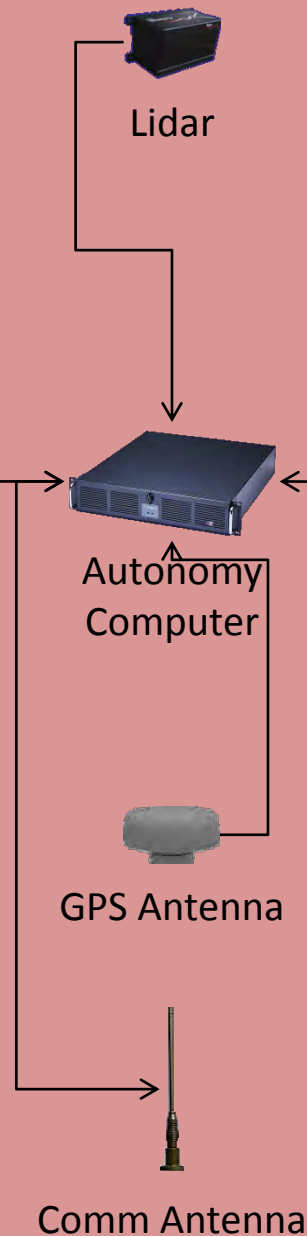
- **Autonomy Kit – Convoy Capability**
 - **Configuration:** Interface with By-Wire Kit and provide Leader/Follower, Waypoint Navigation, and Obstacle Detection/Avoidance Features to implement a Convoy Capability that can be operated in a Manned or Unmanned Mode.
 - **Problems addressed:** Save lives and increase combat power and situational awareness through semi-autonomous convoy operations; Reduce accidents through obstacle detection/avoidance, road keeping (unpaved), and night vision enhancement; Save fuel in convoy operations; Support logistics operations. Current TRL: 5-6
 - **Advantages:**
 - **Fuel Savings** -7% or more in Unmanned/Manned Mode due to Optimized and Fuel Efficient Automated Driving Cycles. (Eliminates Human Variability Between Drivers)
 - **Increased Night Ops and OpTempo**
 - **Manned** - Driving is automated and Operator can Manually Override.
 1. Decreased Mental Load
 2. Increased Situational Awareness due to Driving Cognitive Load Reduction
 3. Further Decrease in physical Load on Driver
 4. Force Multiplier - Ability to decrease Manning in Vehicles and Reassign
 5. Estimated 2.5 Billion Dollars in net Savings for the Army due to Reduction in Force Structure for Convoy Operations²
 - **Unmanned Mode** - Every Other Vehicle in Convoy Unmanned.
 1. Significant decrease in Casualties caused by Accidents and IEDs⁶
 2. Estimated 3.7 Billion dollars in Net Savings for the Army due to reduction in Force Structure²

Mission Payload Kit

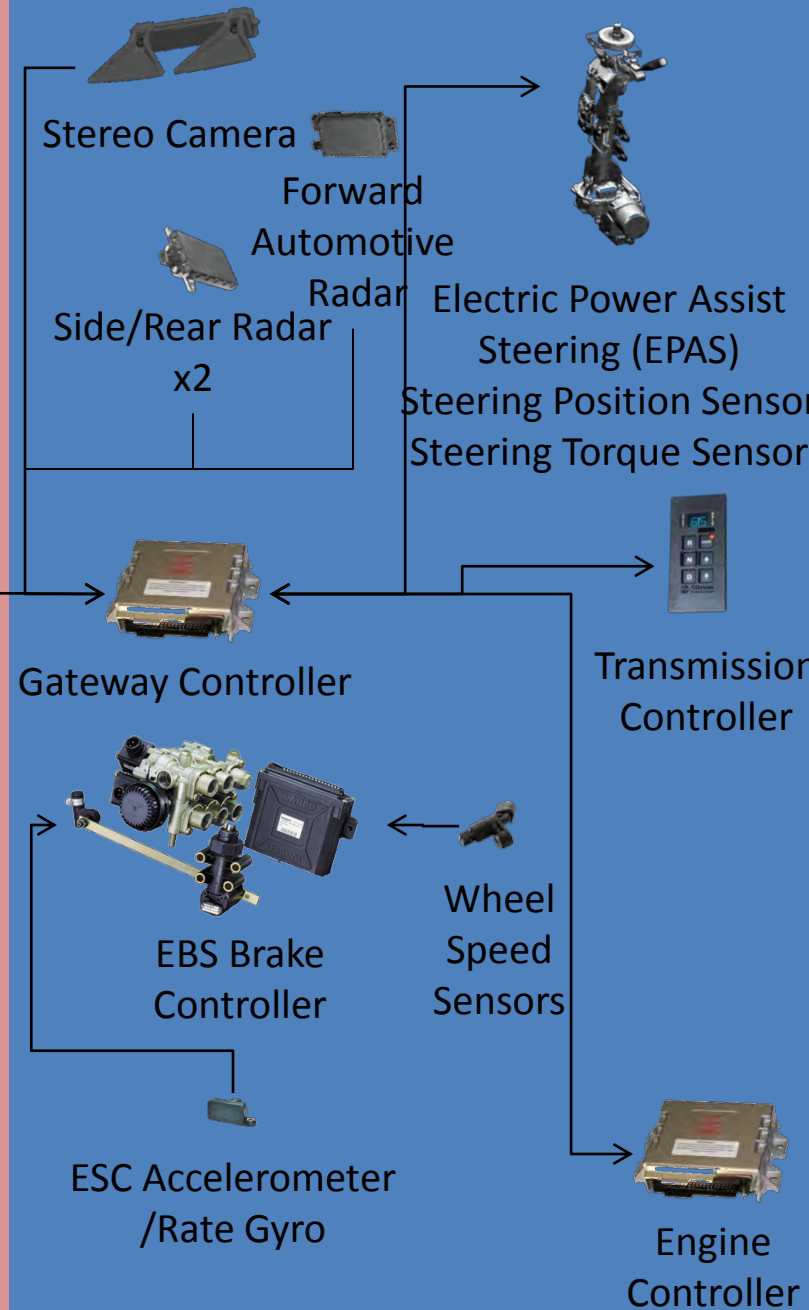


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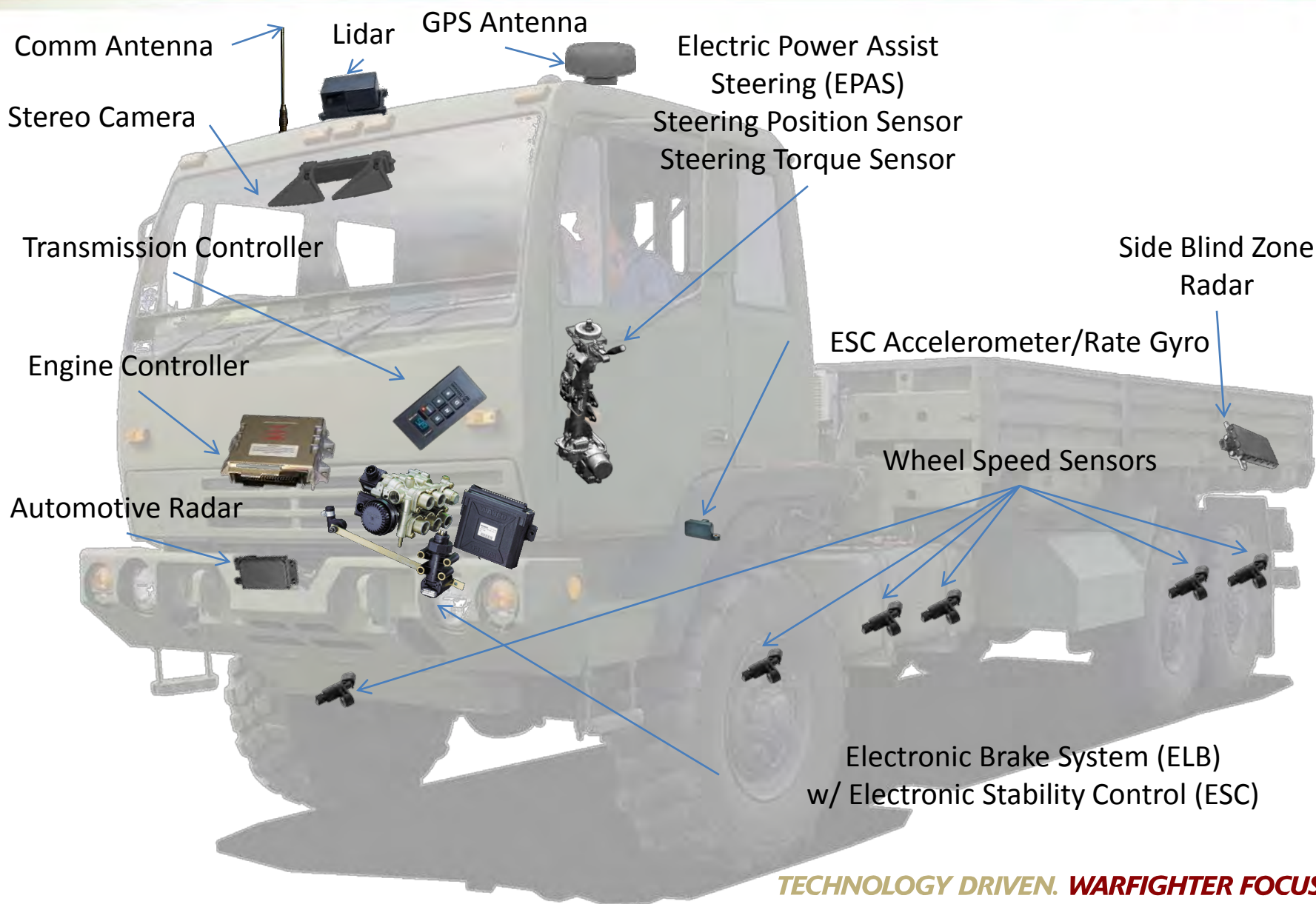
General Autonomy/Leader- Follower Kit



By-Wire/Active Safety Kit



Notional Implementation on FMTV



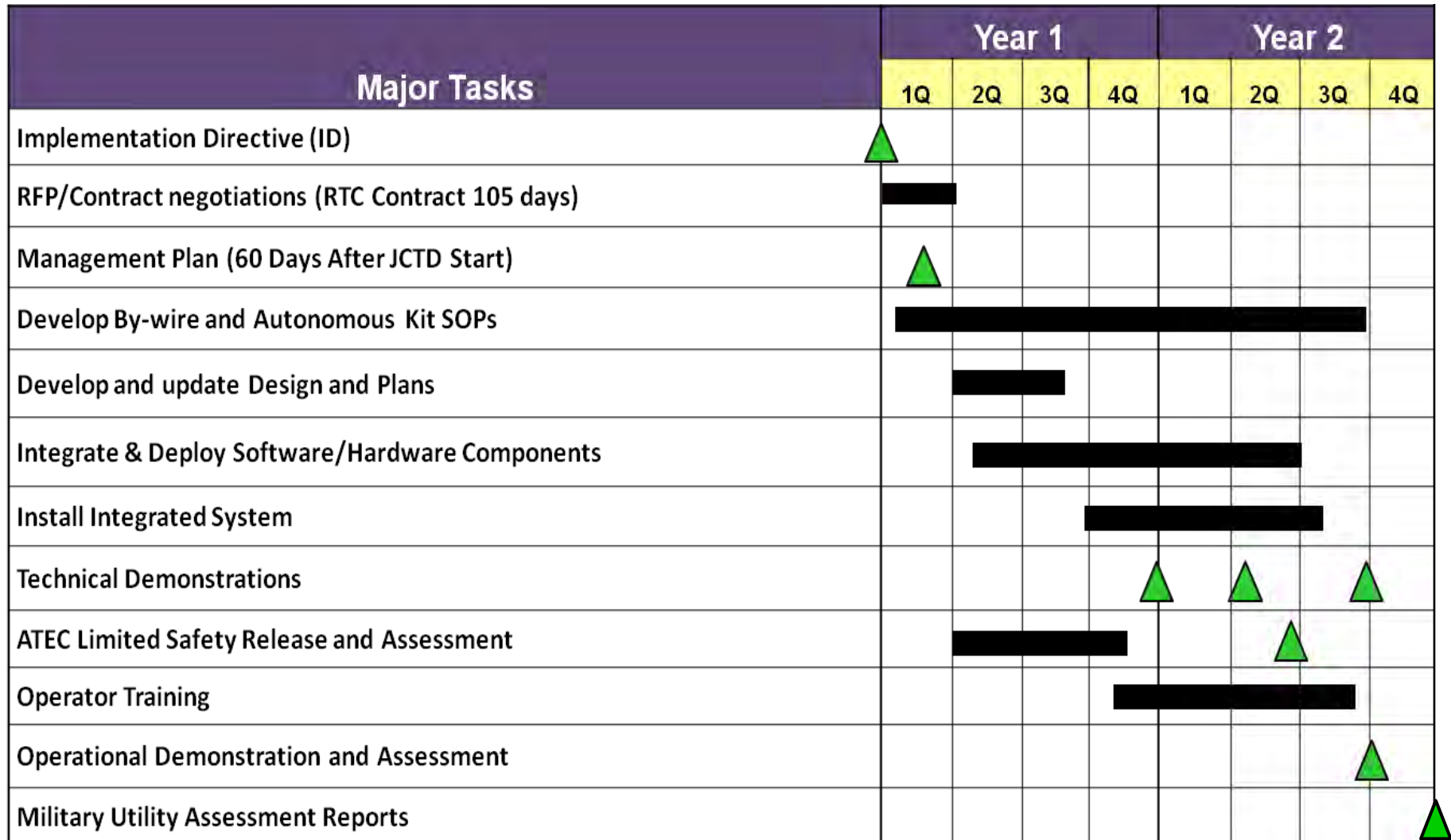
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Capabilities of Scalable Autonomy



Level 1 Passive Driver Assist	Level 2 Active Driver Assist	Level 3 Automated Driving
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Situational Awareness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment and Surroundings • Vehicle Capabilities and Configuration • Improved Safety <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collision Warnings • Lane Departure Warnings • Tip Over Warnings • Reinforces Experienced drivers • Increase Capabilities of inexperienced Drivers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active Intervention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain Lane Control • Tip-Over Prevention • Collision avoidance and mitigation • Stability Control • Enables operator to focus on other convoy mission tasks while the vehicle safely operates itself. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leader/Follower Capabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase Operational Tempo • Run faster with disciplined spacing • Increased convoy capacity though unmanned vehicles • Increase throughput and efficiencies • Dynamic planning and re-planning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flexibility in convoy composition and routing • Re-acquire route after dispersal • Re-plan route to alternate

AMAS JCTD Schedule



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- Will Accelerate Transition of Technology to the Warfighter
 - AMAS JCTD is Directly Aligned with RS JPO's AMAS Initiative
 - JCTD will compress the Current RS JPO AMAS Program Schedule
 - Will define the Open Architecture and Interfaces standards for the AMAS program
 - Provide the Robotic System Joint Program Office (RS JPO) an investment Strategy for RDTE POR Funds.
 - Provide RS JPO with a Concept of Operations, TTP's, and testing methodology
- Joint Program
 - USMC has Significant Resources Invested
 - AMAS JCTD will Accelerate this Technology into Marine Platforms



- JCTD will compress AMAS Program Schedule
- Accelerate Technical Maturation
- Provide Open Architecture and Interfaces
- Standardized Metrics and Test Procedures
- Framework for Validation of Requirements
- Early identification of risk areas
 - Allows RS JPO to make informed decisions on where to invest RDTE POR dollars to reduce program risk
- Lessons Learned (Concept of Operations, TTP's, testing methodology)

The AMAS JCTD will provide Risk Reduction to the AMAS Program



Questions?



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CAST Overview



CAST addresses the operational need to project and sustain forces in distant, anti-access environments that pose challenges for combatant commanders.

CAST addresses new operational challenges, providing the ability to conduct sustainment convoy operations across operationally feasible times and distances on the battlefield.

By automating the driving function, operators are given an increased opportunity to raise awareness of their environment through scanning and surveillance, and vehicle systems have a decreased threat of collision.

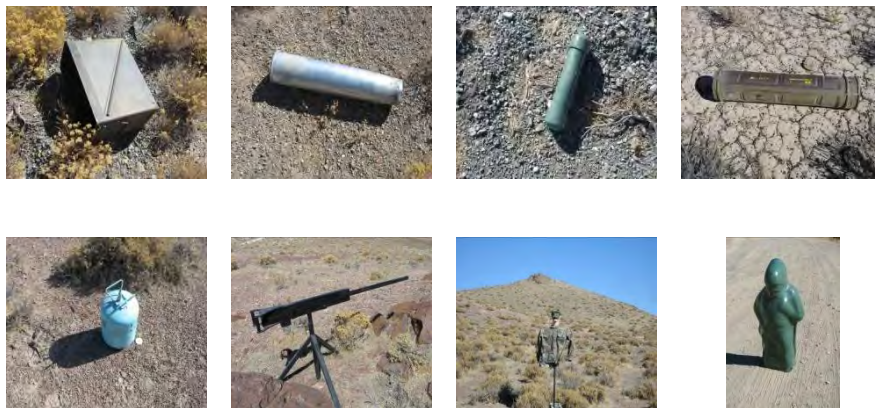


Convoy Active System Technology(CAST) Warfighter Experiment Results



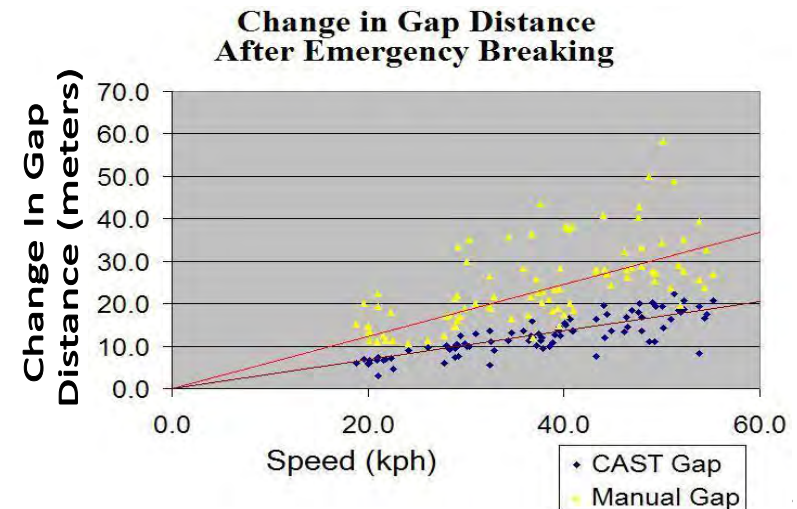
Physiological Effects

- No reported central, peripheral, gastrointestinal motion sickness issues
- **20-25%** increase in number of threat detections while CAST engaged
- **3-5 second** increased response time
- Participants reported with significance less fatigue and ease of convoy execution while CAST engaged



Vehicle System Performance

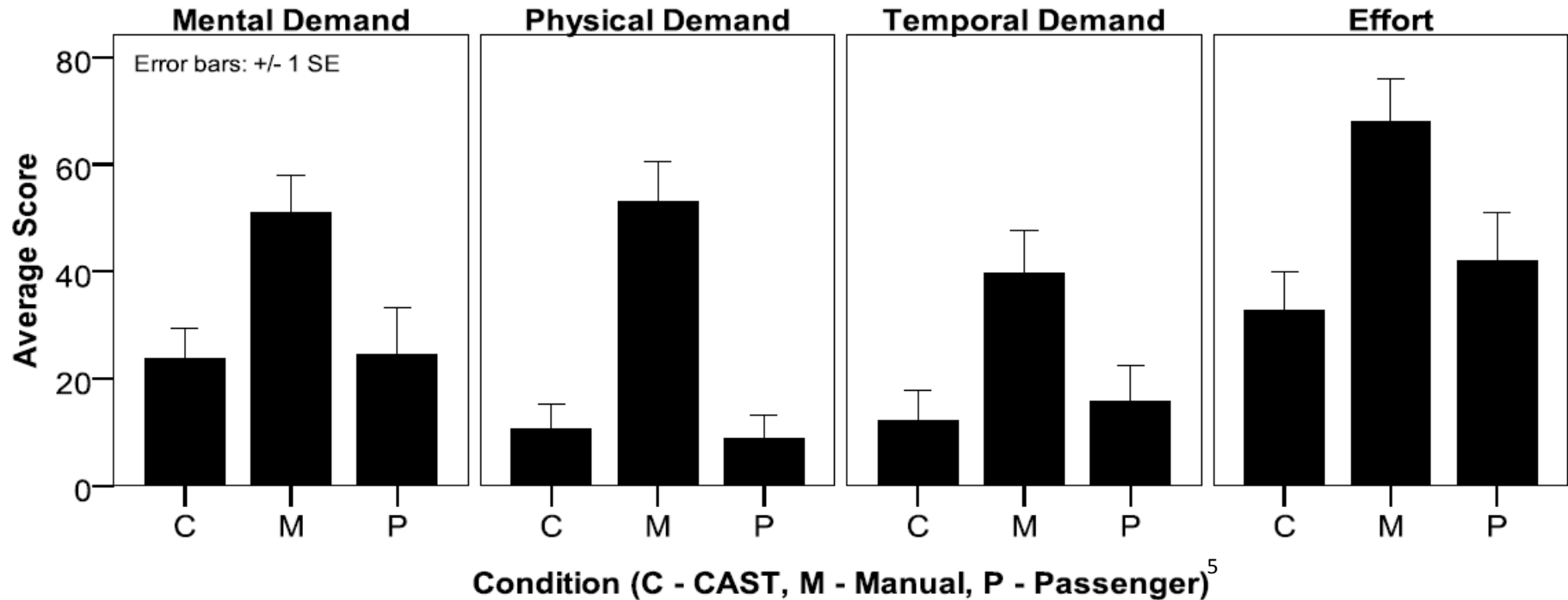
- Gap distance formation maintenance shows 150% improvement with CAST
- Cross track error consistency data shows 15% improvement with CAST
- Successful daylight driving at 85kph
- Successful blackout driving at 70kph
- Data shows 85% improvement in panic stopping distance with CAST



Convoy Capability Value CAST Driver Workload Reduction



Average Friedman's Tests Scores for Three Conditions



Hart and Staveland's NASA Task Load Index (TLX):

- **Mental Demand:** How mentally demanding was the task
- **Physical Demand:** How physically demanding was the task
- **Temporal Demand:** How hurried or rushed was the pace of the task
- **Effort:** How hard did you have to work to accomplish your level of performance

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